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First year engineering students do the elephant walk through the courtyard on September 13th. Every year, engineer froshes go through a grueling initiation that includes being dyed purple and drinking out of dirty rainboots. The upper year engineering students helped facilitate this year's event, which included a march around campus in hard hats and jock straps. For more photos of these dreamboats, check out page 3.

Inside this issue...

Lambda is your source for all the information you need to make an educated decision on October 10th. See inside for info about where and how to vote, candidate platforms, and both sides of the referendum debate.



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Lambda is supported in large part by green tea, multivitamins and Sudbury tap water. We respectfully reserve the right to make indirect references to old Canadian TV shows, sci fi films and terrible pop-rock bands. Han shot first.

Now that I've recovered from Clubs Day... let's talk politics.



Alex Taylor
Editor-in-Chief

As predicted, Clubs Days were a giant success - All the clubs got the exposure they needed and a ton of people signed up to write for Lambda. Sweeeeeet. Thanks to everyone who helped out, thanks to everyone who signed up, and thanks to all my friends who spent time visiting and entertaining.

Now it's Monday and I'm spending the day in the office, listening to country radio and interviewing new candidates to fill the vacant positions at the paper. They've gone incredibly well so far, which is fantastic and also problematic because I want to hire everyone. I hope that you'll all keep an eye out for the introductions in the next issue, and that you grow to know and love the whole Lambda team. Please love us. Please.

One thing that I will point out though is that at the moment, there's only two of us on staff here at the paper - myself and the arts editor, Matt. Apparently there's been a character claiming to work here whose been harassing the Aramark and Tim Hortons employees, threatening to write a negative article for the paper. Just to clarify, this person doesn't work for the paper, has never worked for the paper, and will never work for the paper. People are entitled to their opinions about the food services on campus, and I encourage you to send in your perspectives on them, but verbally attacking the paid employees of Aramark is pretty pathetic, especially when you're doing it just to get free food out of them. Needless to say, this character doesn't work for Lambda.

The next thing I'll bring up in this editorial is a suggestion that you check out page 7 of the paper this week - I mean, check out the whole thing, of course! Page 7 holds an article and some photos about a fantastic music and eco festival that I went to this summer in Tennessee. Another Laurentian student, Haley, was also at the event and has written a great article about her experiences there. With headliners like The Police, Tool, John Butler Trio and the White Stripes, it was near-impossible for anyone to have a bad time, but my favourite part of the 4 day festival was that there was so much dedication to the green movement, and to eco-consciousness in general. Dozens of organizations from all over North America set up shop to educate everyone about the causes they were supporting. Add to that a comedy tent that hosted big names like Flight of the Conchords and David Cross (!!) and you have yourself a pretty life-changing experience

Since this is the Ontario election issue, I suppose I should discuss it at some point - I think we've done a pretty good job covering the various perspectives being discussed, relating to the candidates as well as the referendum question. If you have any other questions, there are lots of websites online that cover the issues, and there's also going to be a number of tables set up around campus over the next couple of weeks - Elections Ontario and the student-run Education Action Coalition have been working hard to make sure that students know how and where to vote. Everyone who has class with me knows that I'm a huge elections geek so I've been keeping an eye on the polls and watching the debates. I have two thoughts: a) it's going to be a close race and b) this has been the most lacklustre campaign I've ever seen. Call me crazy, but aren't politics supposed to be passionate, motivating, exciting, always changing? Rest assured, my unicorns and rainbows idealism has been put to rest over the last couple of weeks. I'll admit though that even though I'm sick of listening to McGuinty and his partners in crime, I've been impressed by the candidates here in Sudbury and area. There are a couple of all-candidates debates coming up during the first week of October, here on campus and at city hall, and both promise to be interesting. So.. show up! The best way to understand the platforms is to hear them first hand.

Like I said, I'm a bit of an election geek, but I truly believe that there's no reason for people to avoid voting. I remember turning 18 and being incredibly excited and proud that I'd been given the opportunity to influence the outcome of an election. Regardless of whether you feel that your vote makes a difference in federal elections, there's no denying that every single vote changes things in provincial and municipal politics. Plus, this year we also have a very important referendum question to consider, so you should head out to the polls to express your thoughts even if you don't support any of the election candidates. Someone recently made a great point about voting - Even if you support a party that probably won't win, your vote still adds to their numbers, and shows the other parties that they need to start considering other perspectives. Voting isn't always about 'winning' or 'losing', it's about showing the party in power what issues are important to the general public.

Therefore, please educate yourself about your options, and then come out and vote!

-Alex

"Although the connections are not always obvious, personal change is inseparable from social and political change." - Harriet Lerner

Voting Day is Wednesday, October 10, 2007. Voting matters.

Can I vote?

You can vote if you are:
- 18 years old by October 10, 2007
- A Canadian citizen
- A resident of Ontario

You need to be on the Voters List to be able to vote.

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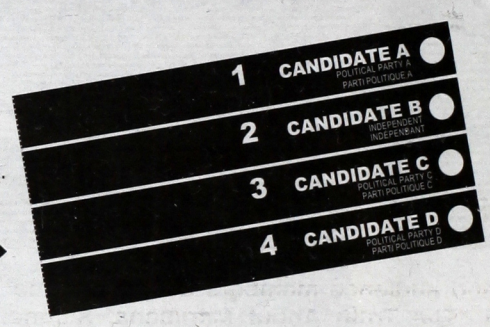
We can tell you:
- If your name is on the Voters List
- How to get on the Voters List and what ID you need
- When and where you can vote
- What ID to take with you when you go to vote
- How to vote early if you want to

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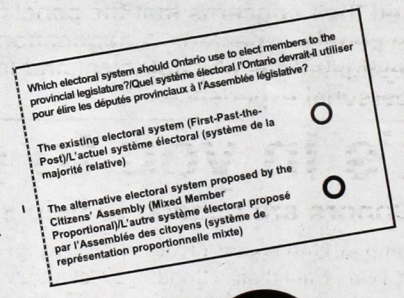
You will show your ID to the staff.

You will get two ballots.

One ballot is to vote for your candidate in the election. It looks like this.



The other ballot is to vote for an electoral system in the referendum. It looks like this.



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ELECTIONS ONTARIO

VOTING. EVERY DAY IT MATTERS.

Media Bulletin:

Important reminder for students in the upcoming election

Elections Ontario is encouraging students to ensure they are registered to vote in the October 10, 2007 general election and referendum.

All electors vote in the electoral district where they permanently reside. For students, this may be where their family lives or where they reside while at school. The Ontario Election Act defines "residence" as the place a person intends to return whenever they are absent for any length of time. The Act states that:

* The place where a person's family resides is their permanent residence until they move elsewhere with the intention of making that change permanent
* If a person has no other permanent lodging place, the place where he or she occupies a room or part of a room as a regular lodger is his or her residence.

Students living outside their electoral district during the upcoming election have two ways to vote at home. First, they can travel to their permanent address and vote at an advance poll or on Election and Referendum Day. If students cannot travel home they can vote by proxy.

Students who determine their permanent address is where they reside while at school can register to vote at campus registration events, at the local returning office, at any advance poll or at the poll when they go to vote on election and referendum day. To register to vote, electors must show proof of identity and proof of the address where they reside in that electoral district.

Students temporarily living and/or going to school outside of Ontario can also vote by proxy provided they have:

* Resided in Ontario within two years of Election and Referendum Day,
* Resided in Ontario for at least 12 consecutive months before leaving, and
* They intend to move back to Ontario again.

To learn more about voting by proxy, please visit www.elections.on.ca.

Elections Ontario is the non-partisan agency responsible for administering provincial elections, by-elections and referenda.

This week at Laurentian...



Sebastien Perth
SGA President

Bonjour tout le monde!

Well September sure did fly by. For some of you this was your first month in University, congrats! you made it through one month.

I hope everyone enjoyed their first month back at Laurentian, for some of you, this was your first month ever at Laurentian. How do you feel? Excited? Exhausted? No time to be exhausted, there's too many things coming up in the next month to be exhausted.

Some of you may be aware of the upcoming provincial elections on October 10th. If you don't know what I'm talking about, no problem, we got you covered. Tonight in West Rez, there will be a town hall meeting to discuss the referendum question that will be on the ballot when you cast your vote. In a nutshell, the referendum is asking Ontarians if they wish to change the way they elect their members of the provincial parliament. Do you want to stick to the current system of first past the post, or adopt a system that has gained popularity in Europe called Mixed Member Proportionality. How friggin exciting does that sound?!? If you want a much better explanation, come on out to the Town Hall meeting, tonight at 7. But that's not all. If you are going to vote for someone, might as well see what they have to say. That's why the SGA is holding two debates. One for the candidates running in the Sudbury riding, and another debate for those running in the Nickel Belt riding. Both debates are being held in the Great Hall, at 1:30PM. The Sudbury riding debate will be held on October 3rd, while the Nickel Belt debate will be held on the 4th. We invite members of the Laurentian community to come out and ask questions directly to the candidates. If these people are going to be representing you in parliament, they better know how you feel about the issues, and the best way to do that is to come out and express yourself at these debates. Let your voice be heard!

Ok, so that's the politics side of things. How about a little entertainment? Tomorrow night, in the Frasier auditorium, Ron Jeremy, star of over 1300 adult movies will be debating Susan Cole, renowned author, feminist and anti-porn crusader. Come out and be entertained, learn about the issues surrounding porn in our society, and giggle when they say a dirty word. tickets are on sale at the SGA office.

Here's something that might interest those of you looking for an alternative to Aramark. The Laurentian University Coffee club has just started operation. Here's the way this club works. This club has "meetings" everyday in the Games Room, from 10am to 12:30. If you show up to a meeting, you get a coffee.

Like most clubs, this one has membership fees. The cost to attend a meeting is 1$.

You can purchase membership cards with up to 10 meetings pre-paid....

but it's up to you, you can put 2$ on the card, or 8, or 10. Up to you.

Once you attend a meeting and get your coffee, your card gets a hole punched...once your card expires, you get a free coffee AND you have the chance to buy another card.

See you all around campus!
Sébastien Perth



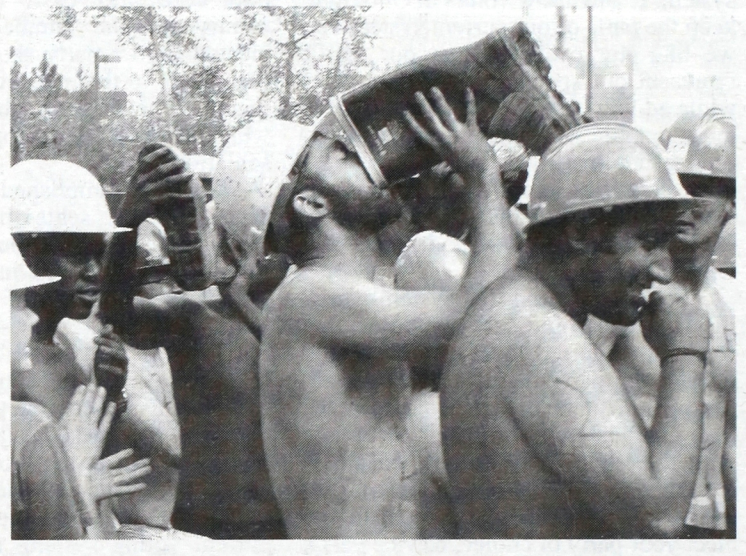
Alex Taylor/Lambda

Panel and audience members debated in the Thorneloe Theatre during a presentation entitled "The Truth About Marijuana, Alcohol and Cocaine". A number of students expressed their concerns that the panel discussions were misleading and not fact-based as some people expected. A suggestion was made that a follow-up panel be organized that investigated the physiological and legal ramifications of drug use rather than focusing on personal experiences.



All photos by Matt Moskal

Engineering shows off their new recruits





It's in you to give!

Donors are needed to help save lives

Laurentian University: Over the next year Canadian Blood Services will be looking to recruit 85 000 new donors nationally to meet the growing demand for blood from hospitals. We are encouraging students and faculty of Laurentian University to come out and donate at the on site Blood Donor Clinic on Saturday, September 29 at the West Residence room W132. On average, every minute of every day, someone in Canada needs blood or blood products. And the hour it takes to give has the potential to save up to three lives – that is the beauty of giving blood.

Canadian Blood Service and recipients are very grateful to the donors and volunteers who take the time to give back to their community. 52 per cent of Canadians say they or a family member have needed blood or blood products for surgery or for medical treatment. So don't wait, donate on Saturday, September 29 and give someone their life back. That's the beauty of giving blood.

Join Canadian Blood Services on Saturday, September 29 at the West Residence room W132 from 11:30 a.m. to 3:15 p.m. Pizza will be served at refreshment area.

Date:
September 29, 2007
Location:
West Residence Room W132
Time:
11:30 a.m. – 3:15 p.m.

If you are interested in donating blood; we encourage people to book an appointment by calling Canadian Blood Services toll-free at 1 888 2 DONATE (1 888 236-6283). Same day appointments will also be accepted: however, donors who make appointments will be given preferential treatment. This system is established for the donors own convenience so that they can avoid long wait times and unnecessary delays. This system is essential to Canadian Blood Services so that we can plan and forecast the distribution of products to hospitals across Canada.

Laurentian University PhD student receives prestigious research award

UNIVERSITY PRESS RELEASE

Sudbury (Ontario) - Laurentian University is proud to announce that Ms. Karen Rebeiro Gruhl, PhD student in the Interdisciplinary Rural and Northern Health program, has received a prestigious Clinical Research Initiative Fellowship from the Canadian Institutes of Health Research (CIHR).

The award, valued at $186,667 over a period of 3 years and 4 months, will support Ms. Rebeiro Gruhl's doctoral research on access to supported employment services and work for pay for persons with serious mental illness (SMI) in northeastern Ontario. Through this research, she will explore people's experiences of obtaining supported employment services and work for pay in urban and rural northern communities. While best practice evidence has been encouraging, recent reports suggest that persons with SMI in northeastern Ontario may not have good access to supported employment. Employment has long been understood as a key determinant of health at the global, national and provincial levels. Yet, persons with mental illness are often denied equitable access to employment opportunities and continue to experience unacceptably high levels of unemployment.

Dr. Carol Kauppi, a professor in Laurentian's School of Social Work, is Karen Rebeiro Gruhl's primary advisor.

Ms. Karen Rebeiro Gruhl is an occupational therapist at the Sudbury Regional Hospital. She has conducted a series of research studies over the past decade which has explored the role of occupation to the health and well being of persons with serious mental illness. Often, this research has been done in close collaboration with mental health consumers. She has published nearly 30 articles in refereed journals and chapters in books, and has been invited to speak in workshops and conferences in Canada and abroad. Ms. Rebeiro Gruhl is a member of the Canadian and American National Occupational Therapy Review Boards.

Canadian Institutes of Health Research (CIHR) is the major federal agency responsible for funding health research in Canada. It aims to excel in the creation of new health knowledge, and to translate that knowledge from the research setting into real world applications. The results are improved health for Canadians, more effective health services and products, and a strengthened Canadian health care system.

Ontario Referendum

Mixed Member Proportional vs. First-Past-the-Post

Why are voting systems important?

The voting system is the foundation for representative democracy, because it translates votes into seats. Citizens use the voting system to delegate power to political parties and politicians.

Why is Ontario having a referendum on a new Mixed-Member Proportional (MMP) voting system?

Many governments are now acknowledging that electoral reform is needed. The Ontario government empowered formation of an independent Citizens' Assembly on Electoral Reform. The Assembly was composed of one randomly chosen voter from each riding. After eight months of intensive study, consultation and deliberation, the Assembly concluded that Ontario voters would be best served by a Mixed-Member Proportional (MMP) system. The government promised any recommendation for change would go to a binding referendum. On October 10, 2007, Ontario voters will choose between FPTP and MMP. If 60 percent or more voters choose MMP, and 60 per cent of the ridings give it majority support, the new system will be used for the 2011 provincial election.

Mixed Member Proportional

Mixed Member Proportional (MMP) is a "best of both words" voting system. It will allow voters in Ontario to keep the parts of our current system that we like (for example, that our MPPs represent our specific geographic area) while adding on some extra features, the most notable of which is proportional representation. MMP is used in some other countries including Germany and New Zealand, but the specific system we'll be voting on was designed by Ontarians for Ontario.

So, how would this system work? First, voters would cast two votes: one for their preferred local candidate, and one for the party they support over all. It's up to voters if they want to place their candidate vote and their party vote with the same party or not. This new system removes the obligation of having to vote for a candidate you dislike to elect your party of choice, or vice versa.

Next, the candidate votes are counted the old fashioned way; whichever candidate gets the most votes in each riding wins, same as before.

That's when MMP's extra features kick in. After all the candidate votes are counted and all of those seats have been allocated, we get to take a step back and see if we've elected Members with proportionality to the party vote–that second vote you cast. Proportionality means that the number of Members elected from a party should be roughly equivalent to the percentage of the vote that party gets. That's what people mean when they talk about proportional representation.

That's accomplished through another group of seats–the party vote seats–that can be distributed to compensate for discrepancies in proportionality (eg, party X got 10% of the vote but no seats, while party Y got 40% of the vote but 60% of the seats). These "top-up" seats are filled with Members from lists that are supplied by the parties.

Who do these at-large legislators represent? An at-large legislator represents and is accountable to those who voted for that particular party. Under the current voting system, more than two million Ontario voters routinely cast votes that elect no one. Under the new system, these at-large representatives ensure that every voter helps elect someone who is directly accountable to them.

First Past the Post

What is First-Past-the-Post? How does it work? First-past-the-post, or FPTP, is the current method of electing MPPs and is how Canadians have traditionally chosen federal and provincial representatives. It is a winner-take-all system, where the candidate with the most votes wins a riding. The political party that wins the most electoral districts forms the government.

Ontario is divided into 107 electoral districts. In each district each voter gets one vote to choose which candidate they feel should win a seat in the provincial legislature. One vote. One ballot.

In an election using the First-Past-the-Post system, the candidate with the most votes wins and will be the representative for the electoral district in the provincial legislature.

After the election, the political party that wins the most electoral districts is normally asked to form a government.

What are the disadvantages of FPTP?

The winner-take-all nature of it means that the majority's voting intent may not be honoured. In recent history, most Ontario voters did not want Dalton McGuinty, Mike Harris or Bob Rae as premier, yet all three were elected with majority governments. It also means the ballots of dissenting voters in ridings won by the Liberals, Tories, or New Democrats are meaningless province-wide. In theory, a party could win all 103 seats by winning every riding with a little over one-third of the vote.

What are the advantages of FPTP?

Simplicity and familiarity. The system is in use in countries around the world, including Britain and Australia and has served Ontario and Canada for generations.

For more information about these topics, check out the following websites:

www.voteformpp.ca - www.nompp.ca
www.referendumontario.on.ca - www.yourbigdecision.ca

CAN I REALLY MAKE A DIFFERENCE?

ELECTIONS ONTARIO

YES, YOU CAN.

You can vote if, on Election and Referendum Day, October 10, 2007, you are:

- 18 years of age or older,
- a Canadian citizen, and
- a resident of the electoral district.

Where do I vote?

You vote in the electoral district where you permanently reside. This may be where your family lives or where you reside while at school.

You can determine where you permanently reside based on the *Election Act*.

The Ontario *Election Act* defines "residence" as the place to which you intend to return to whenever you are absent for any length of time. The Act states that:

- The place where your family resides is your permanent residence until you move elsewhere with the intention of making that change permanent.
- If a person has no other permanent lodging place, the place where he or she occupies a room or part of a room as a regular lodger is his or her residence.

You can find your voting location on our web site by selecting ***Where do I vote?***

Am I on the Voters List?

If you're not on the Voters List, you can register to vote by providing proof of identity and proof of the address where you reside. You can register to vote at registration events, the returning office, or at the poll when you go to vote.

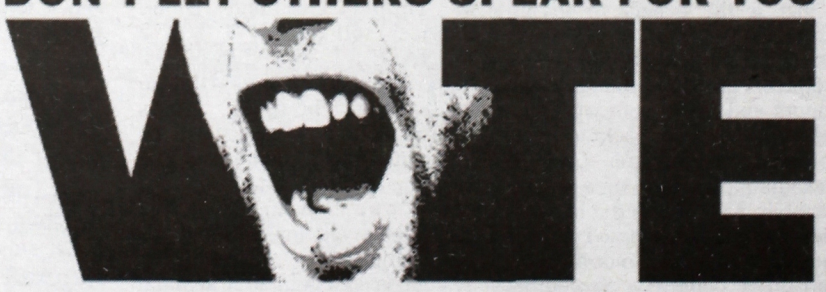
Identification

NEW! – If your name is on the Voters List, please remember to take proof of identity to the poll when you go to vote.

Questions?

For more information on acceptable identification, please visit our web site **www.elections.on.ca** or call us at **1.888.ONT.VOTE.**

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PROVINCIAL ELECTION AND REFERENDUM DAY IS OCTOBER 10, 2007

Your 2007 Sudbury Election Candidates



DAVE BATTAINO
SUDBURY - NDP

This election is about fairness for working families. While minimum wage earners struggled to pay their bills and put food on the table, the Liberals gave themselves a $40,000 per year raise . . . that's 54% more than the average woman in Ontario makes in a year. I've spent the past twenty-five years working with people who were struggling to get ahead and I understand the great difficulty people have to make ends meet. Hard-working Ontarians deserve a fair day's pay. Howard Hampton would immediately roll back the $40,000 Liberal pay hike to MPPs and increase the minimum wage to $10 an hour.
Modest income earners need affordable housing. Students attending post-secondary institutions in Sudbury and young people just starting out on their own are struggling to find decent, affordable housing in this community where the vacancy rate is under 1%. The NDP is committed to 7,000 new units annually. Fairness means no one is deprived of college, university or an apprenticeship because they can't afford it. The NDP would roll back tuition by $460 per year.
The NDP's Right-to-Know law will ensure people know what toxins and other environmental hazards are in our food, ground, air and water. Howard Hampton's Green Lights Plan includes a significant boost in clean, renewable electricity such as wind, solar, and water power; a phase out of coal plants and no new nuclear plants.

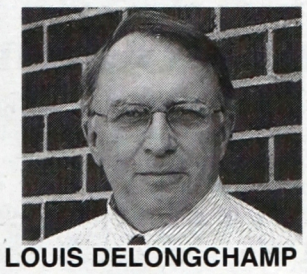
The best predictor of future behaviour is past behaviour. The McGuinty Liberals broke 30 promises that they made during the last election. The people of Sudbury know that Howard Hampton is a straight-talking leader you can count on to put you and your family first.

DAVID SYLVESTRE
SUDBURY - GREEN

The theme in this election as far as the Green Party is concerned is *sustainability*. People need to recognize and understand the fact that we do not have a sustainable economy, food supply, or environment. We have to start living on this planet like we want to stay if indeed we do want to stay. The fact that we have an economy that is fueled by fossil fuels, which is a finite recourse based on our rate of consumption, ensures that we will have a financial collapse in our future. All we have to do is continue business and politics as usual and we will suffer a collapse like no other in economic history and there will be no place to hide. The nest egg you or your parents think will take them comfortably through their golden years will be gone. There are solutions to prevent this from happening and as a beneficial side effect of these solutions we will be improving out environment. However, as part of the solution we must acknowledge the problem before we can deal with it.

We have our current provincial and federal governments investing into net negative energy schemes such as ethanol and as a side effect of this they are raising the price of food. We need governments that are more thoughtful about how they choose to spend our tax dollars in the name of the environment. However, before that can happen people need to know what we need to do so they can vote for people who know what to do. Educating the general population is key in a democracy. If they knew how precarious there savings are they would certainly demand better from our politician. They just don't know what they don't know.

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LOUIS DELONGCHAMP
SUDBURY - PROGRESSIVE CONSERVATIVE

John Tory is a man that I can trust, a man with integrity, ability and strength. Our province's standard of living has declined and John Tory is the person capable of making Ontario great again. He knows how to take action, he can lead and Leadership Matters.

There will be truth in taxes, so the health tax will be eliminated. The gas tax revenue will go to roads and hunting & angling revenue will go to conservation. John Tory says we need to build a new economic foundation for the North. He will create a Northern Research and Development fund for Northern universities and colleges starting in 2008. Ultimately growing to $100 million, this unique Fund will be a catalyst for Northern development, resulting in new ideas, new innovations and new opportunities to attract and retain jobs and investment over the next 25 years.

He will provide seed funding for international competitions to design new buildings that reflect local character. I would like to see school for architecture and a building with a spectacular architectural design appear in our community.

With John Tory, schools will be repaired and made available evenings and weekends where possible. Schools will have higher standards, not lower ones. He will strengthen the teaching profession and offer more support for teachers and principals.

CARITA MURPHY-MARKETOS
SUDBURY - FAMILY COALITION

The Family Coalition Party (FCP) 2007 Election platform, as seen by catholic Insight.

The Family Coalition Party stands in opposition to abortion. It believes that no funding should be provided to abortion clinics and that the conscience rights of medical personnel is to be protected. Women have the right to counsel.

The FCP supports traditional families and would like to enact family-friendly taxation policies and plans to reinstate the terms "husband" and "wife".

The party believes that free speech must be protected and that it is imperative that the Ontario Human Rights Commission undergo reform. It believes that legitimate criticism of the homosexual lifestyle should be allowed.

Freedom of Religion is to be protected. The independence of Catholic Schools should be re-affirmed and tax credits given to Jewish/Evangelical schools with no strings attached.

The FCP stands in opposition to public support of homosexuality and believes that funding for "gay pride" be halted. Health laws on bathhouses must be enforced.

The Family Coalition Party opposes legalized prostitution and rejects the enslavement of women.

The Family Coalition Party stands for a government based on enduring facts and true principles because we are convinced that they are right for the common good of all citizens of Ontario.

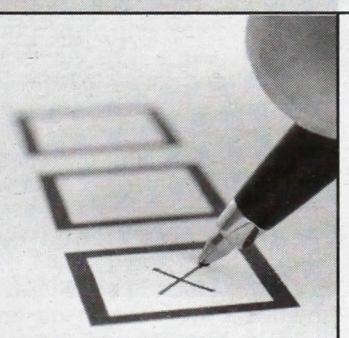


RICK BARTOLUCCI
SUDBURY - LIBERAL

The Ontario Liberals have invested strategically into Ontario's colleges and universities, because we know that education and training is the key to a successful future. Our $6.2 billion Reaching Higher plan - the largest investment in higher education in 40 years, is well under way. We have created 86,000 new spaces in colleges and universities, doubled student aid and provided grants to 120,000 needy students each year.
The NDP reduced their student aid budget by 48 per cent; the Conservatives, by 41 per cent. The Ontario Liberals instituted a tuition freeze from 2004 to 2006 - the first government to do so in Ontario's history. We have since instituted a regulated framework that limits institutions from raising tuition higher than 4.5 per cent for colleges and 7 per cent for universities.

Under the NDP, tuition increased by 50 per cent and under the Tories, by up to 71 per cent.
The Ontario Liberal campaign platform outlines a strategic moving forward plan so that we can further strengthen higher learning in Ontario.
We will continue to work to increase participation rates and provide a new textbook and technology grant of $300 per student and will introduce a special distance grant for students in remote areas. We will provide parents with a grant at the beginning of the school year rather than make them wait for a tax credit payable at year's end. For further details of our plan to strengthen post-secondary education, please go to www.ontarioliberal.ca.
Let's continue our successful partnership so we can build on our accomplishments. Together. It's Working.

As of Lambda's publication deadline, only one candidate in the Nickel Belt rididng had submitted their write-up. For more information about Nickel Belt candidates, Lambda encourages students to attend the all-candidates debates that are scheduled on campus and at Tom Davies Square.



FRED TWILLEY
NICKEL BELT - GREEN

This election deserves more attention than it appears to be getting. We all recognize that changes must be made for the sake of the environment. What does not seem to be realized is how important it is to make changes sooner rather than later. Our world is finite, with limited resources. The belief that prosperity can only be achieved through an expanding economy must be abandoned. We either evolve into a sustainable economy now or be forced into a revolution later. We are moving into uncharted territory. Mistakes will be made. When we enact a plan, we must monitor it and be prepared to make changes.

Bio fuels from agriculture crops are a prime example of short sighted thinking. The energy input to create fuel from crops exceeds the fuel produced. The increased demand for corn has raised its price, which has lead to more farm land being converted to grow corn, which has lead to higher prices for other food products. In effect, our government subsidies for these fuels are causing higher food prices, with no fuel savings.

Electoral reform is a critical issue. There needs to be more frequent and clearer explanations so people can make an informed decision. Many people have little or no understanding of it. Some of those that I have spoken to were going to vote for the status quo because they did not understand it. Most people have expressed sincere appreciation for a short explanation and many will now support the new system. With one vote, we can choose the best person to represent our riding and in the second vote, we can support the platform best for our riding and province. In the new system, political parties will benefit by nominating the best candidates and by clearly communicating the merits of their platforms.

ELECTIONS: WHY STUDENTS DON'T VOTE AND WHY WE SHOULD

Why is it that students, a group with strong political values, have a history of skipping out on voting? We are caught up in a cycle that began long before we were born. Political parties historically do not address the needs of students, so students historically do not vote...so politicians see no need to address the needs of students. See the problem?

Furthermore, we often do not know what candidate best suits our values. We fear that we, in ignorance, will erroneously support the "wrong" party. The answer to that problem is very simple. Just do a bit of homework. Look up the candidates—all of them—and decide for yourself whom you agree with most. Just google their names, and read up on their platforms. Yeah, it's a bit to go through, but you will enter the voting booth with a clear, confident attitude. Furthermore, you will learn about the difference your vote can make to any party, large or small.

Remember that your vote will always make a difference! By supporting the candidate with whose platform you most agree, you will be helping that person's party become more influential, or even gain (or retain) power.

By voting, you are helping keep students a priority for politicians. Want better funding for colleges and universities? Vote for the candidate who best handles those issues. Your unique perspective can also be used in other areas. How do you feel about childcare, health care, taxation, the military, environmental standards, and transit spending? You have an opinion... make it heard.

October 10 will bring you a chance to influence how the electoral system works in the future. You can choose between two systems: 1. First Past the Post (our current system) and 2. Mixed Member Proportional recommended by the Citizens' Assembly on Electoral Reform. Again, do your research on the pros and cons of each option. This is your chance to make history!

A huge issue for many students is not knowing where to vote. Students in 2003 struggled with registration and identification issues. Changes to election legislation have made this easier for us.

If your permanent residence is where your family lives, you should vote in that electoral district. On October 10 you should vote at the polling place for that address. There are now going to be seven more days of advance polling so that between September 22 and October 4 you can, instead, vote at any advance poll for that electoral district. Or, if you cannot get home to vote, you can appoint a proxy to vote for you.

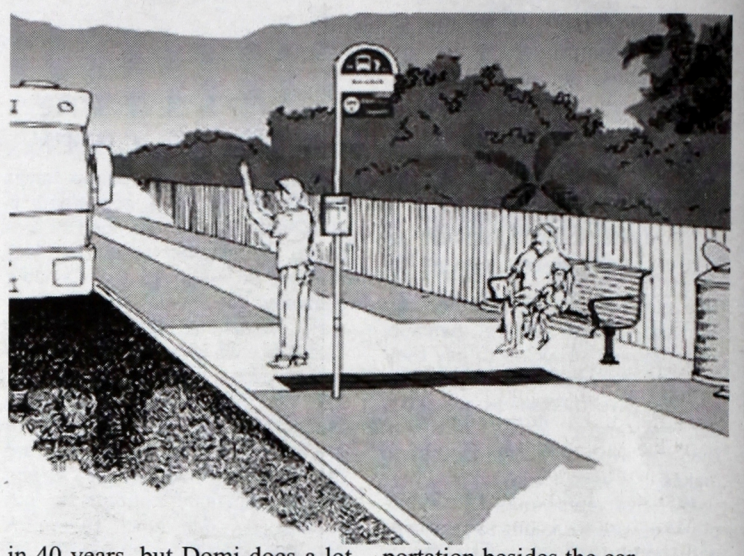
If where you live when you are at school is your permanent residence, you may vote in that electoral district.

To vote, you first need to be on the Voters List for where you reside. New ID requirements have been created. If you are not on the Voters list, you need to show proof of identity and proof of residence to get added. If you are on the Voters list you will be asked to show proof of identity - if you do not have a document to show proof of identity, you will need to make a statutory declaration before you are given your ballots.

Elections Ontario has a long list of identification documents that can be used for proof of one of both of these requirements. For more information, visit http://www.elections.on.ca

Sudbury Transit: Is it serious?

A Satire on the Sudbury Transit System



TODD COLLINGS

As all you Frosh have been repeatedly reminded for the past two weeks by RAs, Vets, and your campus newspaper, you are now in Sudbury: a new environment where you will encounter new problems and situations the likes of which you could never imagine.

Well I suppose it isn't that dramatic, but recently your lives have no doubt changed in a relatively dramatic way. And as you gaze upon the unfamiliar, unusual and visibly ugly landscape that is Sudbury, I offer, not a shoulder to cry on, but a fellow student with whom you can probably relate, in one way at least: I am a bus-rider.

For those riders coming from places like Toronto or Ottawa one thing is certain: you are in for a rude awakening. By now, many of you new students have no doubt realized that our transit system is not quite up to par with Toronto's 24-hour service or Ottawa's Romanesque bus stations. Sudbury is of course much smaller than these cities, not in scale, but in population, however is this really a valid excuse?

I'm sure many among you have already fallen victim to our transit system via a missed bus, or a slow one, or a late one, resulting perhaps in a missed class. Or maybe it was the Sunday grocery trip – probably one of the first mistakes you've made as a Frosh, right next to that great idea of waking up at 6am on Monday to kick off a week of classes by getting blitzed (as if it stopped you during dry week). Ah the good old-fashioned Sunday grocery trip. I use the term old-fashioned because taking public transit on a Sunday in Suds is probably no faster than the traditional means of horse and buggy, even if Mister Ed is a few years past his prime, which many of the city buses clearly are. I'm not a gambler but I would put my 2.30 on Mister Ed, or is it an extra nickel now?

It was too easy at 2.25 a couple of years ago, just a Toonie and a Quarter. Simple. Now it's a Toonie, a Quarter, and a . . . Nickel? I mean it is Sudbury so we should pay tribute to our heritage but we already ride ancient buses. In fact I know that some of them date back to a time when Laurentian students would know who Mister Ed was.

But anyway; slow rides, having to find change, sure that's to be expected, right? Maybe, but sometimes it's like Sudbury Transit is preventing us from riding efficiently. Like (for those of you on the U-pass) having to swipe 3 times before finally explaining to the bus driver that it is indeed the system's fault that "card not valid" is blurted out on your 4th attempt. Or, for those of you not on the U-pass, if transfers were to expire before being able to catch the next connecting bus. That would be plain dumb, unless, of course, you felt like that extra hour of reading time, surrounded by a wide array of promising individuals in our beloved transit terminal. But I don't read every day, that's what Sundays are for, especially if I do some grocery shopping.

So my advice to young students both on and off-campus? Proceed with ignorance. In my 4 years (and counting) using Sudbury's Transit, I have learned that knowing the schedule by heart can only be a bad thing. Maybe my expectations are too high; maybe it's too much to expect to be able to get to school in 30 minutes flat minus waiting time. Maybe I should just expect to get there at some point in the day and maybe even make it back home without walking a whole lot. Of course you can't come home too late since nighttime is the same as Sunday service in Sudbury: an adventure, or misadventure depending on how you look at it.

Still, it's not all bad. The bus drivers working for Sudbury Transit are often very friendly . . . just don't ask "does this bus go to the Transit station?", for some reason that never goes over very well. But back to the good: our buses now run on Bio-diesel. So who cares if they're unreliable, they're green. Yep, they're definitely greener than Sudbury in the 60s, but to me that's like saying "the Leafs haven't won a cup in 40 years, but Domi does a lot of charity work". My response to that is "O.K . . . but they still suck". Don't get me wrong, I used to be a Leafs fan until I switched to a more practical alternative - one that would not disappoint me time and time again: the Detroit Red Wings. Sure they may not win every year, but they're more or less stable, and that's one thing I like: stability . . . maybe I should get a car? Nope can't afford that, and I know most of you Frosh can't either, so that is why we take the bus, or try to.

Of course, for most of us, walking is always an option – not a good one in a city as widespread as AIDS – but an option none the less. So is bicycling, but similar to its Transit system, Sudbury hasn't been too welcoming in offering infrastructure to support other methods of transportation besides the car.

I realize that Sudbury's budget cannot be solely dedicated to Transit, especially with ridership so low. I also realize that Sudbury's city council has recently committed to enhancing Transit services in and around the city. That includes improving Sunday service alas! But that hasn't aided me in the last 4 years nor will it help in early 2008 when the plan is due for implementation. Perhaps all you Frosh have something to look forward to. But for now I continue to empathize, by ranting and raving.

In the end however, I know Sudbury Transit isn't against me, or my fellow riders, it can't be. But on a day when I miss the bus three separate times and walk for twice as long as I have ridden, I can't help but think it's all a big joke… I'm just waiting for the punch line.

High Tuition Fees are Killing Our Equality!

ADAM MARDERO

Imagine if you will, it's a steamy day in August. You get off work, and go to the bank to pay your tuition bill for the coming year which is due in only a few days, but when you get there your eyes pop out of your head in shock at the figure displayed on the ATM screen--$5,044! For many of us here at Laurentian, this was the reality this summer as we all scrambled to pay our tuition fee bills before returning to classes in September, but my personal experience with this rather horrific event got me to do some serious thinking. After all, is it right that students such as ourselves should be forced to pay such a high sum, when the previous year the cost of tuition was slightly lower but still overly high? The answer is no, it is not fair.

If you stop and think about it, many students attending this University already work most nights in the week just to have enough money to scrape by, pay for tuition, books, and for some even room and board. On top of that we all have essays to write, labs to do, classes to attend, and poetry/articles to analyze. At the end of the day this all doesn't leave much time for students to work at a part time job AND do assignments all in one night. Tell me then, why is the government jacking up tuition fees and assuming we can handle it? Like taxes, most of this excess money will be put into the general money supply anyway, and schools are always scrounging for money to support themselves while the tuition hike money goes to pay the bloated salary of some government executive.

Another way that this tuition hike is unfair is that it severely restricts who can and can't go on to post-secondary education. Considering that one pretty much needs a degree of some kind to do anything short of retail work for the rest of life, this is all the more serious. As of right now, there are hundreds or more students who are bright and gifted intellectually and who would make fine additions to our Laurentian family, were it not for the fact that they can not even afford their books, let alone their extreme tuition. Granted, there are numerous government help programs, such as OSAP which are available to help these students out, but this money is often not enough to pay entirely for this tuition, forcing people to take out bank loans and in so doing crucify themselves when they enter the work force later with a huge debt hanging over their shoulders.

At the end of the day, what it comes down to is that a drastic change is needed in the Canadian Government to ensure that all students get a fair chance at a post-secondary education. As it stands right now, Karl Marx would have said that the system is a perfect representation of the constant war between the rich and working classes which he had advocated against for so long. If we as Canadians are so proud of our democratic socialist society, then its time that we bridge this gap once and for all and ensure that everyone has both a right and an ability to go on to university or college if they so choose

MMP: Put into Context

BY YOUR FRIENDLY NEIGHBOURHOOD ANARCHIST

During this upcoming election you will hear an outstanding amount about Mixed Member Proportional (MMP) representation and how it can help or hinder the Ontario political system. Its great to see people concerned with how the political system will run, and how we can become a more democratic society. With that said I would caution everyone as to how useless this change is; MMP is a technical change in the way we conduct a system that will stay very much the same as before. MMP is a mechanical change about how we vote, nothing more; which is a whole lot less than what we hear.

MMP will allow you to choose both party and your individual representative in provincial parliament. That is all well and good; however, the amount of energy being given to this is ridiculous. MMP will not solve any of the real constitutive problems Ontario or Canadian Politics are facing. I would like to highlight some key issues and how MMP will not solve them; and really what we should be focusing on.

Democratic Renewal

If you really want to renew democracy, actually practice it. The way representation works in Canada is based on trusteeship, rather than delegation. This means you vote once every 4 years and must be involved in lobbying (protest or discussion) to get your opinion heard inside the time of these elections.

There are very few direct democratic options or forums for citizens to exercise individual political power in between elections. The only place you can show up is city hall and the constitution limits what type of decisions can be taken at local levels. Citizens are effectively shut out of governing society, except for the chosen few given a trusteeship to make decisions they will not be held accountable for until election time. We need to explore a model based on constant delegation of voting, with complete and constant monitoring of our elected officials; on top of this we should be able to instantly recall our representatives. The debate about MMP has not even touched on what the members we vote in do and how we interact with them.

The Real Deal

Now there is a whole lot voting will never be able to change; Canadian citizens cannot change the constitutive rules of the political in Canada through elections. We Canadians cannot touch the North American Free Trade Agreement (NAFTA) nor can we prevent the Security and Prosperity Partnership (SPP) through a minor shuffle in voting mechanisms. For any of those holding out hopes, please cast aside your dreaming. Proportional representation is not going to alter any of the issues we face. That is done by people operating at the grassroots mobilizing others to take direct action in their own lives. Talk to an indigenous warrior at Six Nations or a native schoolchild at Grassy Narrows and they will tell you that change comes when the people take action themselves.

These agreements are above Canadian law; and these agreements are what define every aspect of our life. These economic agreements define how much we all have to fight over; maybe MMP will help if someone started challenging the size of the pie.

Pie Fights

Lets imagine the economy as a pie, it's a nice warm apple pie, but there is only enough for everyone to have a small crappy expensive restaurant size slice rather than a piece that would be fully satisfying or nourishing. This is what the economic logic of NAFTA has done, the whole-heartedly loved neoliberalism. It has defined the pie as something small and not enough for everyone to get their due. This economic logic forces us to divert money from health to fund the schools, or to rip money from the mouths of the poor to fund tax cuts. Tax cuts have been the norm under this logic...remember Mike Harris, he cut welfare and disability support by 21 percent to fund tax cuts. This is what happens under neoliberalism; we are forced to fight each other. MMP will not take any of these away in itself; it takes us the people struggling and protest to start really changes. In other words, we have to expand the pie ourselves.

When you are making you choice, just remember we have a lot more work to do; and the next time you complain about the wait at the hospital remember, that's what comes with your taxes being cut. Next time you complain about tuition remember, some poor mother can't feed her kids because research grants took it. Something has to change our someone is always going get screwed.

Bonnaroo music festival opens minds and hearts

HALEY KUNTZ

Bonnaroo _ n 1 Cajun slang word meaning "a really good time." 2 Creole-French construction taken from "bon" (French for "good") and "rue" (French for "street").

When the name of a festival translates to mean "a really good time," you get curious about it. Finding out that this festival attracts 80 000 open minded individuals from all over the world, hosts bands like Ben Harper, Tool and the Police, and is the biggest of its kind in the United States, makes you even more interested.

Bonnaroo is a music and arts festival held every year in Manchester, Tennessee. Before I attempt to describe Bonnaroo, I have to warn you that explaining experiences like Bonnaroo has been compared to describing a particular colour to someone who only sees black and white—difficult to describe effectively. I can say that Bonnaroo is like nowhere I have ever been. It takes place on 530 acres of what used to be a farm, but was recently purchased by the organizers of Bonnaroo. Everyone parks on



Haley Kuntz

The Bonnaroo Fountain cools off festival goers and provides a meeting place for new and old friends. The 2007 checkerboard design included over 7 million checks and featured a sustainable lighting scheme after dark.

FOMO (fear of missing out). Missing out is inevitable when there are over 100 bands and only



Haley Kuntz

Art projects filled the 500+ acre festival, including this life-size skeleton with an asking price of $2000. The Art of Such and Such area of Bonnaroo hosted nightly fire shows, sculptural installations and dance perrformances.

Thursday afternoon and camps until Sunday night in well sectioned off "pods" located in a horseshoe shape around Centeroo, which is the main area of the festival grounds, where the music, art and general craziness takes place.

Imagine a place with a ferris wheel, a giant water fountain in the shape of a mushroom and a place where 80 000 hippies are listening to music, appreciating art and enjoying life –and you have Bonnaroo. For four days this past June, this was what I experienced.

The Music

An article titled Bonnaroo ADD in Bonnaroo's newspaper, The Bonnaroo Beacon, describes our attempt to cram as much music as possible into the 4 days. We all had a case of my friend Kat's invented condition called four days. Highlights in my mind as far as music go include Ben Harper (with guests Ziggy Marley and John Paul Jones from Led Zeppelin) John Butler Trio, Government Mule, Michael Franti & Spearhead, Xavier Rudd, The Roots and The String Cheese Incident. The Police, Tool and Widespread Panic were this year's headliners. With stages and tents being named What Stage, Which Stage, This Tent, That Tent and The Other Tent, you can imagine the puzzlement this causes the already slightly confused Bonnaroo-goers. A Silent Disco, open almost around the clock, let people rave out with headphones on, while passerby's see a tent full of people dancing to seemingly no music.

The Art

At Bonnaroo, there is art everywhere you look. Huge Christmas-tree-ball-like art is found hanging from the few trees that dot the otherwise dry and flat farmland. At night fire shows light up a corner of the venue while massive fireflies blink from their perches on sticks 30 feet off the ground. People at Bonnaroo are art. It is not uncommon to see bodies completely covered in colourful tattoos, people in full costumes, men in wrap skirts, women covered only by body paint, and people walking around casually completely naked. People carry art they have created—be it decorated hoola hoops, batons, or flags to hold up during shows. During a late night show, I saw a puppet made of fluorescent glow sticks and so huge that it took four people (one on each limb) to operate it, and make it dance above the crowds.

At the start of the weekend, the walls around the venue are blank—open pallets meant for people to create art on using spray paint. By the end of the weekend, quotes, colorful graffiti art, funky designs and huge imitations of famous rock and rollers cover every inch of the walls.

The People

The amazing thing about Bonnaroo is that everyone is there for the same reasons—music, art, and to enjoy life however they choose to do that. Despite its massive size, it has the feel of a community. I've never been somewhere with so many friendly people. Nobody judges, nobody cares what anyone else is doing or saying as long as they're not harming anyone. There are lines for everything, but in the total of four days, I didn't see one fight or anyone mad about anything. Once, in the midst of a huge lineup a guy started to get annoyed, and then began to tap on a wall, making a funky beat for everyone to enjoy. It is impossible not to fit in based on looks or clothing—except maybe if you were wearing a business suit.

'Shakedown Street' is the main "road" at Bonnaroo and is crammed with vendors selling everything from handmade clothing, to instruments, to kites, to jewellery, to food, to every drug on the market.

My Experience

So, you may be asking yourself how a girl from the lakes of cottage country Muskoka finds herself baking in the Tennessee sun one day in June. My curiosity for music festivals began in high school when my friend and I stumbled across a DVD of Bonnaroo in a music store. We must have watched that video a hundred times, and added Bonnaroo to our life to-do lists. Finding myself between jobs this past June I decided to try and get to Bonnaroo. A bit unsure of where to start making my trip happen, I joined a Facebook group titled Bonnaroo: The Canadian Invasion. The next thing I know I get an email from a couple leaving from Toronto willing to give me a ride. As sketchy as this may seem, I was cautious (and a bit trusting) and this couple turned out to be the kindest, friendliest people. For $80, I got myself a round trip from Toronto to Manchester, Tennessee. Maybe Facebook is useful for more than procrastinating, after all…

If the music, art and people weren't enough stimulation, there is more to do and see at Bonnaroo. There is a jazz tent, a comedy tent, a cinema tent and a circus (called Bonna Rouge). Planet Roo is part of the festival dedicated to social and environmental issues that has a straw bale house and a stage for speakers. The fountain, that has become an icon of Bonnaroo, is painted differently each year. This year it had 7 million checks on it, all weaving and spinning in different directions. People dance, play or cool off from the 33 ˚C heat in the fountain, which I did a few times a day.

After the constant sensory stimulation that was Bonnaroo, coming home to real life was a huge adjustment. I realized I wasn't the only one who had an unreal time when I came across these comments on a Bonnaroo Facebook group with 3915 members.

My bracelet (that lets you into the festival) looks awful now.. its all torn and ripped but I'm still wearing it! My boss begs me everyday to take it off.. there is no way in hell this thing is coming off... no way!

I was walking in the mall today and I realized that I couldn't go up to people and start talking to them... and I also noticed how angry people look compared to all of us at Bonnaroo :)

I miss it terribly. It's really nice to have a warm shower, good food, an actual bed, and a toilet that hasn't been used by tens of thousands of people.....but I'd trade it all back for 'roo in a second. I don't feel dishonest saying that it was one of the best times of my entire life.

So, next time you have the choice to take a risk and do something that you're curious about, but scares you a bit—do it. There's a good chance you'll be glad you did. And who knows, you might discover something amazing.

Haley Kuntz is Studying Outdoor Adventure Leadership at Laurentian



Haley Kuntz

The Sequatchie Valley intentional community in Tennessee provided information about sustainable architecture with their straw bale house. Organizers used the opportunity to educate festival attendees about cob building (clay, sand, and straw) and outlined how they live in these structures year round.

Mariana's Trench Floods the Townehouse

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http://www.marianastrench.net

On September 24th, 2007, a slight geographical shift allowed the deepest known point in the world, Mariana's Trench, to surface in Sudbury, Ontario. This anomaly was only made possible by the likes of Josh Ramsay, Matt Webb, Mike Ayley, and Ian Casselman, who claims that the mass itself is named after the band the foursome seem to have formed.

"Some scientists saw us play a show and said 'Whoa, these guys are deep'," Casselman assures me, "so they named the deepest known point on the Earth after us."

In all actuality, Ian and his three band mates named themselves after the depths of Mariana's Trench and have all been vocally trained by Josh's mother (who is very proud of her son), a vocal coach out from British Columbia. The group utilize this ability to perform four part harmonies mid-performance to simulate the sounds of vocal idols, The Beach Boys.

"We definitely have more a Beach Boys influence," admits Casselman.

The band would later perform a cover of "Good Vibrations". This song would be used appropriately to segue into their set closer and first #1 single "Shaketramp".

"'Shaketramp' is a song that you have to understand the meaning behind," claims Ian, "if you take the chorus out of context, it can sound very offensive. However, it's actually about a record label's ability to control a band and how people will just buckle under the pressure."

The chorus to "Shaketramp" is printed on several shirts available at the group's merchandise table, and the foursome all agree that people wouldn't find the lyrics to the song so offensive if they understood the context of their use. However, so long as interpretation is left up to the public, people can deem bands like Mariana's Trench lewd and foul mouthed.

However, "Shaketramp" remains an empowerment anthem for the band to stick it to authority figures and make a few radio friendly dollars off of it.

"It's not so easy getting a song on the radio," Ian assures me once again, "and if it means you have to tone yourself down a little bit, sometimes it's worth it just to get the song heard."

Ian is sincere and very passionate about his work with the band. Each member plays a crucial part in each performance vocally and instrumentally. This helps create an added bond between group members.

"[Touring] is having four guys in one room," he explains, "it's a lot like a relationship, everyone needs their space. It's like being in a relationship with someone and understanding exactly what they need."

Obviously, the relationship was still strong when Mariana's Trench gave Sudbury a taste of their brand of rock layered with various degrees of pop sensibilities. The crowded stage came to life with the cheers of the sizeable crowd on-hand for the band's first show in this neck of the woods.

The show opened strong as the band delivered the majority of their debut album "Fix Me" which includes singles "Decided to Break It" and "Say Anything". When asked about the medical related kit printed on the album cover and its significance, Ian was happy to oblige.

"People can't just open a box and have all their problems disappear," elaborated Casselman, "that's what a lot of 'Fix Me' has to do with, representing yourself and growing as a person, not expecting some miracle solution."

Obviously nobody can promise a miracle in the music industry, but Mariana's Trench did help make people's nights seem trouble free as they sang along and celebrated with the band after the show.

Performing along with Mariana's Trench were locals High Deafinition, a local punk rock band who displayed their Sudbury pride with a rousing track about the cold Sudbury winter and plenty of "whoa"-ing to boot. The band only played a short set at the start of the night, but maintained a high energy set list. Songs would call on two part harmonies followed by a vocal game of hackey sack during the verses to each song. Hi-Deaf keep a tight dynamic onstage that should benefit them further in years to come.

CBC Radio-3's prominently featured favourites Bend Sinister took the spotlight shortly after with a very Malajube-esque cover of "A Day In The Life" by The Beatles, who appear to be their favourite band to cover (see: CBC Radio 3 Breaking New Sound Compilation). Stealing some of the thunder from the Trench, Bend Sinister found themselves busy moustachioed musicians after their final song as audience members eagerly left their seats to make sure a part of Bend Sinister would come home with them.







Matt Moskal
A & E Editor

Hello again.

How's reality treating you? I realize September is a busy month, and once people end up getting pulled into their daily grind, it's hard to break free for even a second. However, I've got incentive that's easier to swallow than hard candy. It's still called the arts. And somehow, it's giving you what you want nearly every remaining day in September (unless you're actually looking for hard candy, then I can't help you).

First off, we have Thorneloe's production of "Play On!" September 26th to the 29th, at 8:00 pm; admission is free.

The STC is finally kicking off their season with "The Compleat Works of Wllm Shakspr (Abridged)" commencing on September 27th (tickets are available at the Sudbury Theatre Centre box office).

On the 28th, Ron Jeremy and Susan Cole will butt heads in the Fraser Auditorium in a debate of pornographic matters. You won't want to miss this.

September 29th, Fraser Auditorium will once again be bursting to life, only this time with the sounds of John Newlands Invincible Summer, featuring Matt Foy, Brian Quebec, Kevin Whyte, and Anita Ansamaa. Tickets are on-sale at Records on Wheels or if you call 670-1982.

And finally, Stuart McLean and the vinyl café will be making their triumphant return to the Fraser on October 14th; tickets are available if you call 674-8381.

Don't forget to check out the Townehouse Mini-Calendar for more concert updates. And if you're looking for something new to plug into your MP3 player, check out this week's edition of "100 Words or Less".

I wouldn't let myself disappoint you.

Jokes Made by Robots,
for Robots.
stolen from Mcsweeneys.net
BY J. ALEX BOYD

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A robot walks into a pharmacy. The pharmacist asks him if he'd like anything. The robot replies, "A soul."

How do you stop a robot from destroying you and the rest of civilization?
You don't.

"Waiter! Waiter! What's this robot doing in my soup?"
"It looks like he's performing human tasks twice as well, because he knows no fear or pain."

What's the difference between a regular robot and a killer robot?
The gnawing jeers of men.

What's a robot's favorite cereal?
Rob-os.
(Note: Rob-os are made of the tears of human children.)

Little Susie tosses a clock out the window. A robot inquires, "Why did you do that?" She replies, "I wanted to see time fly!" The robot says, "Ah ... A perfect subject for elimination," and shoots her with a laser beam through the face.

Why did the robot order a milkshake?
To blend in with the general human population, making it easier to infiltrate society and—in time—conquer it.

Why was six afraid of seven?
Because seven was a robot.

Cinefest 2007

First held in 1989, Cinéfest has quickly become a popular destination for Canadian filmmakers. Unlike the larger film festivals in Toronto, Montreal and Vancouver, Cinéfest offers filmmakers a chance to gain exposure among more typical film audiences in a city with no regular venues for screening independent and non-mainstream films. Cinéfest presents an annual programme of over 100 films for both English and French language audiences.

Review: The Tracey Fragments

MATT MOSKAL

Let this be a lesson to you: never go into a film festival expecting to find the feel good movie of the year.

"The Tracey Fragments" is a tale of woe, simply put. Your protagonist is too delusional to be any form of hero, as she never seems to feel entirely guilty for her actions. She is surrounded by people who seem to hate her, and the only person she connects with thinks he's a dog (this is her little brother Sonny, he's hypnotized). Most of the plot takes place inside the mind of Tracey Berkowitz (Ellen Page). Thus, perspectives on her parents, psychiatrist, and the boy she likes are either pure fantasy or only a fragment of reality.

During this journey into the dark reaches of the 15 year old psyche, we learn about wild horses, and how a young girl can go from a house in the suburbs to sitting in the back of a bus wrapped in nothing but a shower curtain. All of this is brought to you by director Bruce McDonald (Hard Core Logo).

The film itself is broken up into bits and pieces in multiple ways. The screen displays several different points of view or cameras feeding certain portions of the film at different intervals. This gives the illusion of a comic book setup with multiple panels in motion. The story itself is disjointed to only show what Tracey wants you to see. Her character lets you recognize how much she suffered before she shows you what she did wrong. This is an effective storytelling tool entirely because of her ability to conjure up sympathies with audience members before she leads to the horrifying truth.



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Ellen Page as Tracey, a troubled teen, in *The Tracey Fragments.*

McDonald's direction and Page's performance carry the film successfully, despite the confusion that lies around every corner. The plot itself simply cannot be display in a linear manner because of the perspective taken. This works incredibly well for the movie. No segment stretches beyond more than a couple of minutes, which may have proven puzzling for some, however, each piece comes together in the end (which will remain unspoiled).

"The Tracey Fragments" is dark, dirty, depressing and down right horrifying at times. However, it's horrifying done right. Everything from the raunchy life Tracey leads to the stirring but beautiful soundtrack from Broken Social Scene fits together to leave this film in anything but rubbish.

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Cinefest '07 Reviews

HALF A PERSON

Review by: Matt Moskal

"If you fall, I don't know what I can do for you."

Confesses Alex (Nigel Smith) to a drunken Julie (Taylor Trowbridge) as she stands triumphantly on top of a trash can downtown Toronto. This particular line can be interpreted as symbolic for every relationship in Adam Santangelo's "Half a Person".

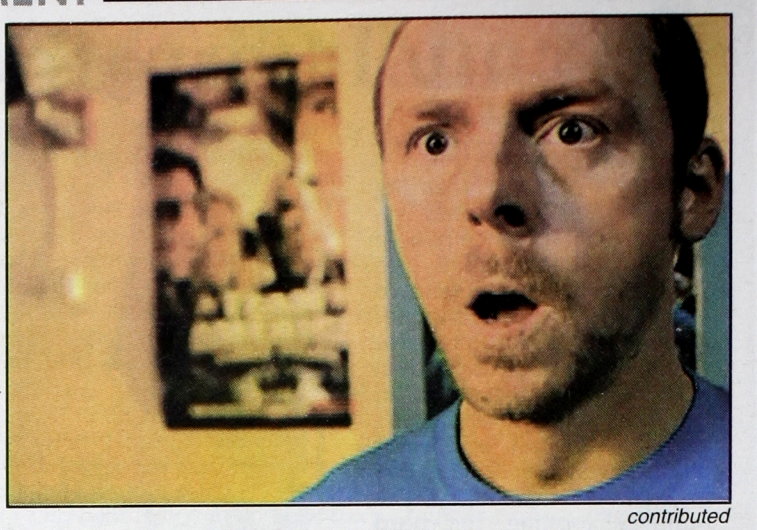
This film tells the story of best friends Alex and Mark (Michael Majeski) who take a road trip to Toronto to escape their troubles in a modern Sudbury. Alex is afraid to make the first step in moving on with his life, and Mark is simply trying to escape his boyfriend Tom (Andrew Udell). While on the road the duo encounter Crystal (Joanna Haughton) and Julie, two friends looking for a similar escape. Their paths cross in Toronto and rather than ignore an opportunity for a good time, Mark leads the foursome out to a night on the town, only to have Alex encounter Mark's personal demons face to face.

Serving as a coming of age to anyone who can't seem to escape who they were in high school and others who can't even keep their own sexuality in check, "Half a Person" is the prelude to a major transition in its character's lives. This narrative exists in a somewhat similar context to Kevin Smith's original indie flick "Clerks". Alex serves as the neurotic and starry eyed substitute for Dante Hicks while Mark bears similar qualities to Randall Graves' personal philosophies (and his vocabulary). The characters experience a different kind of growth than their American counterparts (as well as surrounding) as they are completely willing to make the first step to breaking free from the shell that they've built around themselves. The script itself manages to convey this better than the actors themselves in this case.

While performances aren't top notch, the style of humour conveyed by Mark's antics is still delivered well enough to evoke laughter from all walks of life. His crude language and unchanging cynical tone works the same wonders it did for Jeff Anderson in the early 90s. Meanwhile, the charming young Crystal and Julie give the film the troublesome presence needed to complicate relationships further without even being cognisant of their male counterpart's back story.

Santangelo got his message across without music in most cases. Most scenes of dialogue were relatively quiet and applied an aspect of stillness familiar to a bit change in a stage production. If a mouth was open, it served as the only conveyer of emotions during its time.

All and all, "Half a Person" is as far from perfect as its protagonists. The humour is rough and the production was lacking, but the characters felt real to some degree, and the story was told effectively. You win some, you lose some.



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Simon Pegg plays Dennis in David Schwimmer's directoral debut, *Run, Fat Boy, Run*.

RUN, FAT BOY, RUN

Review by: Matt Moskal

In so many cases we let our expectations get the better of us. Some are quick to assume that certain names are immediately associated with the characters we know them so well as. This is completely unfair and nearly belittles any trace of humanity left in some of Hollywood's biggest names. That in mind, when finding out that Ross Geller (or David Schwimmer as his birth parents know him) would be directing "Run, Fat Boy, Run", the newest project featuring Shaun of the Dead co-starts Simon Pegg and Dylan Moran, and writer Michael Ian Black of TV's Stella, expectations were completely out of the question.

The film tells the story of Dennis Doyle (Pegg), slacker security guard. A loving father who left pregnant fiancé (Thandie Newton) at the alter 5 years earlier, leaving her heartbroken and himself in shame for years to come. When he finds out his ex is in love with the charming and athletic superior Whit (Hank Azaria), Dennis finds his real feelings for his once beloved and enters a marathon against Whit to try and win back the love of his life. Can Dennis prevail? Or will he simply "hit the wall" a little too early?

"Run, Fat Boy, Run" exceeded its limited expectations during its second North American screening. The film is indeed funny, hysterical even.

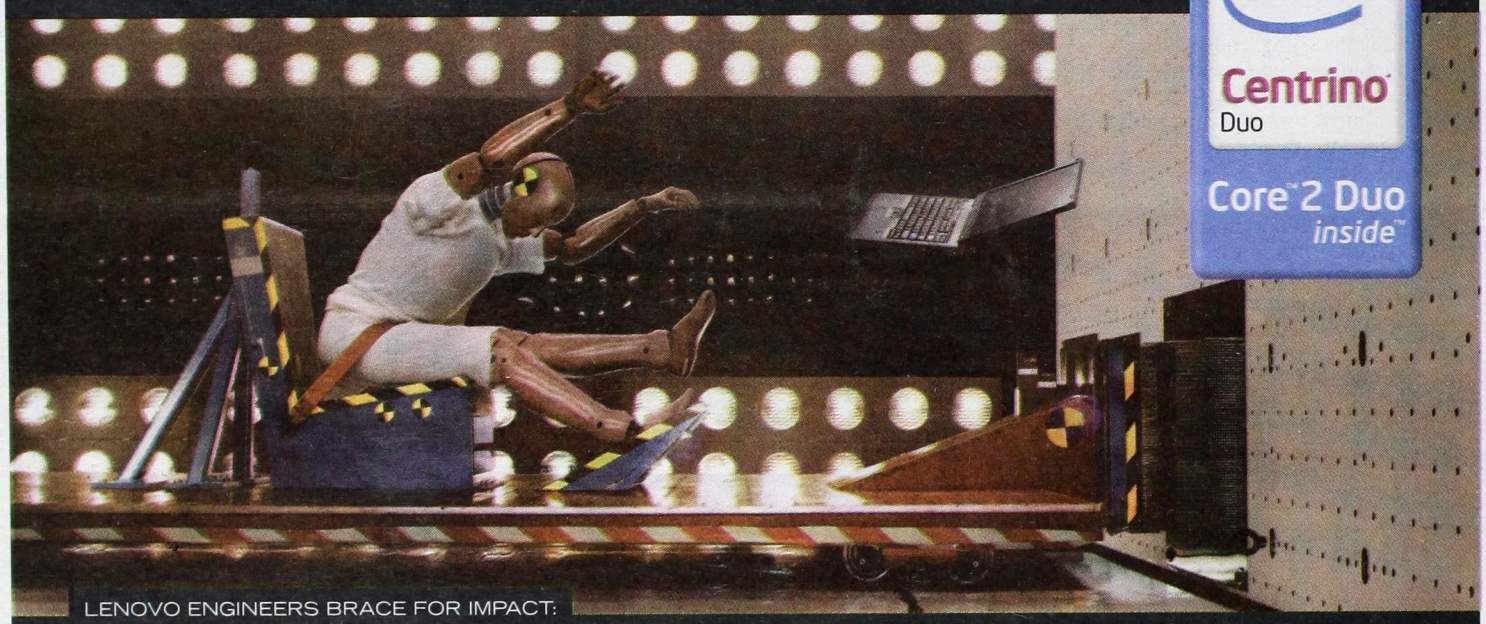
Pegg is charming as always, reviving his role of the slacker with a heart of gold, while rival performer Azaria one-ups a roll portrayed time and time again by the likes of Judge Reinhold and Cary Elwes. Their rivalry finds ways of transcending the typical family friendly contention between biological dad and stepfather.

Elsewhere, supporting cast members Harish Patel and Dylan Moran are charming as Dennis' bumbling and inexperienced coaches, teaching audiences everywhere to fear the spatula and horrendously large pustules.

What's most surprising is Schwimmer's and Pegg's chemistry in creating some of the film's more subtle humour. Some of the smaller bits of physical humour worked quite well at keeping the tone and pace of the film moving along without much dead air between bouts of laughter. However, this pacing is lost by the end of the film as it reaches for the feel good ending of the season. Pegg's character development enters familiar territory, from loveable slacker to responsible adult. Though not all changes are confirmed as permanent, you're under the impression it should be implied.

The film works well in the first half as a comedy that verifies Schwimmer is a capable director and a decent addition to American directed British humour. It's not the funniest movie of the year, but it's definitely worth a good laugh.

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Toronto International Film Fest News & Reviews

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TORONTO (CUP) -- The Toronto International Film Festival (TIFF) has seen extreme growth within the last five years, which not only attracts film goers, but industry insiders, too. TIFF has become the favourite film festival for many, even for those who have just been to Cannes or Venice.

This is mainly for its accessibility to the public, which allows directors, distributors and buyers to sneak in for the last few minutes to observe audience reactions. With the festival growing, the glitz and glamour of celebrities and galas can overshadow some of the films. While not all films at the festival are good, some leave you neither hating nor loving them, either. Some are excellent.

With 349 films at TIFF this year, seeing twenty-some films doesn't seem like much. But, crammed in the span of ten days, it makes movie-going a sport. Here is a sampling of films to look out for in theatres and on DVD this year.

No Country for Old Men

(Joel and Ethan Coen)

The Coen brothers deliver one of the best films at the festival with their screen adaptation of the Cormac McCarthy novel. Set in the 1980s, the film plays out like a modern-day western, merged with hints of horror, as a suspenseful cat-and-mouse game plays out with carnage and gore along the way. The nonchalant violence of the cold-blooded killer, played by Javier Bardem, will haunt your nightmares for the next two weeks. This suspenseful tale hardly seems over-the-top with violence, as the gore ties into the story effectively to further embellish the chase. Laced with ironic humour, the clever script draws in audiences and keeps them at the edge of their seat to the very end.

Juno

(Jason Reitman)

Ellen Page stars as Juno MacGuff, a sixteen-year-old who is impregnated by Michael Cera's character, Paulie Bleeker. Juno decides to have the baby and give it to the perfect adoptive family. This all-star cast, which also includes Jason Bateman, Jennifer Garner and Allyson Janney, were made for their roles and successfully demonstrate their chemistry on a high-level playing field. What stands out in Juno are the quick-witted remarks and one-liners that are flawlessly delivered with impeccable timing and sass every awkward teenager wishes they had. Although humour may seem to take the forefront of the characters in the film, the depth necessary to care about them and their issues are successfully conveyed through the narrative.

Margot at the Wedding

(Noah Baumbach)

In Baumbach's follow-up to The Squid and the Whale, he examines the strained relationship between sisters and one-time best friends. Margot (Nicole Kidman) and Pauline (Jennifer Jason Leigh) are brought together as Margot attends the wedding of Pauline and Malcom (Jack Black). It is there where complicated relationships between family and lovers evolve, and Baumbach relies on the talent of the seasoned actors to deliver the story to the audience. What makes this film endearing and enjoyable are the flaws and mischievous aspects of the characters that almost creates an understanding to their dysfunctional relationships.

Across the Universe

(Julie Taymor)

Aside from the stunning visuals that are to be expected of Taymor, the Beatles-based musical that has had everyone anticipating this film leaves something to be desired. The big question was if this was indeed Taymor's final cut. Early rumours suggested that the original film was over three hours long, but was cut short by the studio, which, in turn, infuriated Taymor. However, addressing the question at a press conference, she assured the audience that what was seen was her doing. The musical interpretations of the Beatles delivered through the budding romance between Lucy (Rachel-Evan Wood) and Jude (Jim Sturgess) was all that seemed to hold the film together, despite their lack of chemistry. Set in the 1960s, the subject of the Vietnam war, along with sub-plots with other characters leaves the story's material held very loosely. At times, the themes seemed so forced that this film could have been made into two separate stories. Across the Universe ought to be left for eye candy, as the all-too-obvious allusions to Beatles songs leaves the audience wishing the whole thing would "come together" a bit more successfully.

I'm Not There

(Todd Haynes)

I'm Not There, a film that is already generating Oscar Buzz, examines six fictionalized incarnations of the man, the myth, the legend: Bob Dylan. Fortunately, Hayden Christiansen didn't reprise his role from Factory Girl. Instead, Cate Blanchett plays Jude, a dead-on Dylan from his best-known incarnation as an androgynous rock star. Heath Ledger, Christian Bale, Ben Whishaw, and Richard Gere also play Dylanized characters as Dylan the womanizer, reinvented evangelist, poet and outlaw (respectively). Each character represents a distinctive aspect of Dylan, allowing this film to further elaborate on his mythology. Another note-worthy performance is the young Marcus Carl Franklin as the ailing folk-singer and hospital patient, Woody Guthrie. The film also incorporates the story where Dylan debuted his electric guitar at the infamous Newport Folk Festival show, and Pete Seeger's attempt at killing the electricity with an axe was adapted in the film. The collage-like presentation merges these fragmented vignettes and narratives to successfully present itself as a whole.

Joy Division

(Grant Gee)

Of two Joy Division documentaries featured at the festival (the other being Control), Joy Division had particular buzz around it, even though it was still shopping around for a distributor. Joy Division stands out as a musical documentary because of the short run of the band, but the film demonstrates the band's continuous impact in the musical landscape. Placed in the backdrop of Manchester punk scene, the documentary focuses on the evolution of the band and its ill-fated front man, Ian Curtis. The documentary helps viewers grasp a better understanding of Curtis and how his relationships and epilepsy contributed not only to his lyrics, but how it affected the band's music.

Mister Lonely

(Harmony Korine)

A Michael Jackson impersonator (Diego Luna) meets a Marilyn Monroe impersonator (Samantha Morton), who invites him to live on a commune where residents include the Pope, Charlie Chaplain, Shirley Temple and Abraham Lincoln impersonators, all of whom help to build a theatre to present the public with the best show on earth. In contrast, Werner Herzog plays a priest whose nuns act as missionaries and play witness to a true miracle. These two narratives seem ridiculous. But Korine demonstrates through this juxtaposition the human condition and how irrational thoughts or ideas play a central belief system, and how one's own beliefs can be reflected onto others.

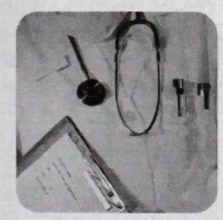
Paranoid Park

(Gus Van Sant)

Van Sant's Paranoid Park is based on the Blake Nelson novel of a skateboarder who accidentally commits murder one night. Van Sant's method of narration of flashbacks effectively contributes to a non-linear stream of consciousness as told by the protagonist, Alex (Gabe Nevins). The nonchalant skate teens are an accurate portrayal of teenagers. Casting was done via MySpace and with people playing their own age, their acne and adolescent imperfections contribute to the reality of being a skateboarding teenager.

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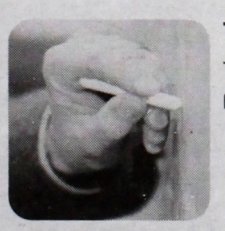
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Voyageurs win over Paladins; Lady Vees tie

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The Laurentian Voyageurs men's soccer team scored a late winner to complete the season sweep of the RMC Paladins with the final score being 2-1. Dan Keir (Hamilton, Ont.) and Andrew Piccinetti (Sudbury, Ont.) scored goals for the Voyageurs, while Andre Gomes (Woodbridge, Ont.) picked up the win in goal.

The Voyageurs started out of the gate slowly and a defensive mistake cost them a goal. The Voyageurs could not generate much offensively and went into half time down 1-0. The Voyageurs came out flying in the second half, however, looking for an equalizer. Substitute Piccinetti came on in the second half and sent in a cross that was heading in by Keir to tie the game at one. With fifteen minutes left, the Voyageurs scored the winner as Derek Lubertino (Hamilton, Ont.) went on a great individual run and his cross was met by Piccinetti who made no mistake and put the ball into the back of the net.

"The guys worked hard again, another solid 90 minutes," said Voyageurs head coach Carlo Castrechino. "We just have to cut down our defensive mistakes. It led to a lot of their chances today."

With their win today, the Voyageurs are currently fourth in the OUA East Division. The Voyageurs return to action next Saturday, as they will look to climb the OUA standings when they take on Trent in Peterborough. Kick off is set for 2:15 p.m.

The Laurentian Voyageurs Women's soccer team let the RMC Paladins come from behind twice to earn a tie 2-2. The Lady Vees let a perfect chance to cement their playoff position slip away from them. Scoring for the Lady Vees was Jenna Roach (Sudbury, Ont.) and Caitlin Kelly (Peterborough, Ont.).

The Lady Vees scored the first goal of the game early on as Roach managed to get on the end of a cross and put the ball into the back of the net. Unfortunately, the Lady Vees could not hold the lead as the Paladins managed to tie the game for the first time. It looked better for the Lady Vees as the game went on as Kelly scored on a beautiful free kick to put her team on top and headed towards three points. However, the Paladins earned a point out of the game as they again tied it. The final whistle blew with the score being 2-2.

"I thought we played a good game at times," said Lady Vees head coach Rob Gallo. "We'll have to get back to the drawing board, continue to work hard and don't give up. Hopefully we can get a couple more wins to get us into the playoffs."

The Lady Vees will look for their second win of the season next Saturday as they travel to Peterborough to take on Trent. Kick off for the game is at 12 p.m.

Outdoor Soccer Registrations Open

The Intramural Program at Laurentian University is organizing and running another successful intramural event, the Intramural Co-ed Outdoor Soccer tournament, and it is open to all Laurentian Students. This fun-filled tournament will be held on Saturday September 29, 2007 (non-competitive) and Sunday September 30, 2007 (competitive) from 10 am until 6 pm each day. Registration begins on Monday September 17, 2007 until Sunday September 23, 2007, and teams can be registered at the Department of Active Living Office (B226) in the Ben Avery Building. The event will be located at the Laurentian Varsity Soccer Fields rain or shine. The cost is twenty dollars per team but there is a limit of ten non-competitive soccer teams and ten competitive soccer teams. Katherine Greaves and Carolyn Caicco are the convenors of the tournament and they are both looking forward to a great turn out and two exciting days of soccer. Come out and have a great time playing soccer, meeting new people, winning prizes and having an enjoyable experience.



Laurentian student Stephen Gravel represents the Sudbury Spartans in a 2006 game. The Spartans were forced to take a year off due to low registrations and rising costs. The team has successfully hosted a number of fundraisers and look forward to their return in 2008.

Intramural Pickleball

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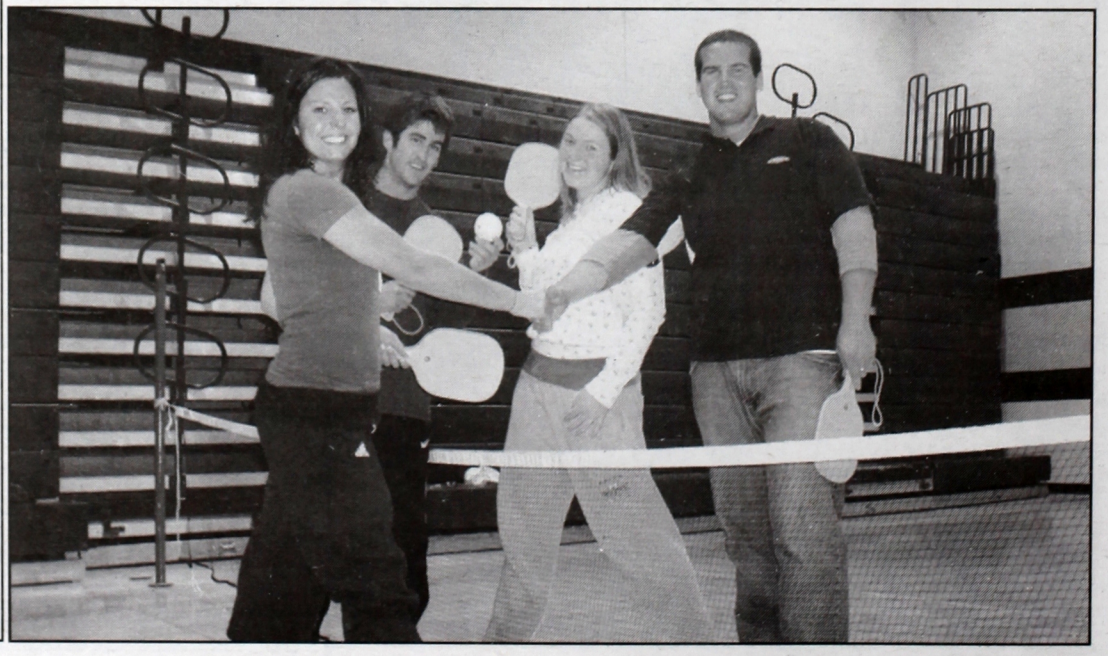
Laurentian is introducing a new Intramural Sport called Pickleball. It is a growing sport within Canada and the United States, and is being incorporated into the physical education system within primary, secondary, and post-secondary settings.

Pickleball is played on a badminton court, with the net slightly lowered. Paddles, which are similar to those of a ping pong paddle but larger, are used to hit small plastic balls (waffle balls) over the net to the opponents. Pickleball can be played one on one, or two on two, however Laurentian Intramurals are introducing the sport as a two on two activity.

This is an excellent sport for the University Intramural Program because it is a sport that is easy to learn, anybody can play, and it is a lot of fun! Pickleball will be played as a co-ed sport, so it is a good way to meet new people of either gender, and any year of university.

Pickleball is for people of any athletic ability, and you do not have to be a specialist to play. Almost everybody will be starting at the beginner level, so there will be training coaches available during play to help out.

Pickleball will be played Monday and Wednesday evenings from 9pm till midnight between October 29 and November 21 in the Ben Avery Gymnasium. Watch for registration details in an article to follow. If you have any questions, visit the Active Living office at B226 in the Ben Avery Building. Hope to see you there!





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WEEKLY

The Master Schedule has saved the neck of many a disorganized student. All it is, is a table with the days of the week across the top and the hours of the day – from 6 am to midnight – down the side. For an example s e e www.dartmouth.edu/~acskills/success/time.html

First you block in all your class times and the hours you are going to study for those classes. Next you block in the things you need to do to stay alive – meals, sleep, exercise, health appointments, work, and commuting. Thirdly – the things that keep you human – like getting groceries and doing laundry, volunteering and religious observances. Finally, you need to book time off for hanging out with friends, doing something with the sweetheart, visiting the folks, and just good old fashion vegging out.

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Voyageurs win over Paladins; Lady Vees tie

ALEX CAMPBELL
Laurentian University Sports Information Writer

The Laurentian Voyageurs men's soccer team scored a late winner to complete the season sweep of the RMC Paladins with the final score being 2-1. Dan Keir (Hamilton, Ont.) and Andrew Piccinetti (Sudbury, Ont.) scored goals for the Voyageurs, while Andre Gomes (Woodbridge, Ont.) picked up the win in goal.

The Voyageurs started out of the gate slowly and a defensive mistake cost them a goal. The Voyageurs could not generate much offensively and went into half time down 1-0. The Voyageurs came out flying in the second half, however, looking for an equalizer. Substitute Piccinetti came on in the second half and sent in a cross that was heading in by Keir to tie the game at one. With fifteen minutes left, the Voyageurs scored the winner as Derek Lubertino (Hamilton, Ont.) went on a great individual run and his cross was met by Piccinetti who made no mistake and put the ball into the back of the net.

"The guys worked hard again, another solid 90 minutes," said Voyageurs head coach Carlo Castrechino. "We just have to cut down our defensive mistakes. It led to a lot of their chances today."

With their win today, the Voyageurs are currently fourth in the OUA East Division. The Voyageurs return to action next Saturday, as they will look to climb the OUA standings when they take on Trent in Peterborough. Kick off is set for 2:15 p.m.

The Laurentian Voyageurs Women's soccer team let the RMC Paladins come from behind twice to earn a tie 2-2. The Lady Vees let a perfect chance to cement their playoff position slip away from them. Scoring for the Lady Vees was Jenna Roach (Sudbury, Ont.) and Caitlin Kelly (Peterborough, Ont.).

The Lady Vees scored the first goal of the game early on as Roach managed to get on the end of a cross and put the ball into the back of the net. Unfortunately, the Lady Vees could not hold the lead as the Paladins managed to tie the game for the first time. It looked better for the Lady Vees as the game went on as Kelly scored on a beautiful free kick to put her team on top and headed towards three points. However, the Paladins earned a point out of the game as they again tied it. The final whistle blew with the score being 2-2.

"I thought we played a good game at times," said Lady Vees head coach Rob Gallo. "We'll have to get back to the drawing board, continue to work hard and don't give up. Hopefully we can get a couple more wins to get us into the playoffs."

The Lady Vees will look for their second win of the season next Saturday as they travel to Peterborough to take on Trent. Kick off for the game is at 12 p.m.

Outdoor Soccer Registrations Open

The Intramural Program at Laurentian University is organizing and running another successful intramural event, the Intramural Co-ed Outdoor Soccer tournament, and it is open to all Laurentian Students. This fun-filled tournament will be held on Saturday September 29, 2007 (non-competitive) and Sunday September 30, 2007 (competitive) from 10 am until 6 pm each day. Registration begins on Monday September 17, 2007 until Sunday September 23, 2007, and teams can be registered at the Department of Active Living Office (B226) in the Ben Avery Building. The event will be located at the Laurentian Varsity Soccer Fields rain or shine. The cost is twenty dollars per team but there is a limit of ten non-competitive soccer teams and ten competitive soccer teams. Katherine Greaves and Carolyn Caicco are the convenors of the tournament and they are both looking forward to a great turn out and two exciting days of soccer. Come out and have a great time playing soccer, meeting new people, winning prizes and having an enjoyable experience.



Laurentian student Stephen Gravel represents the Sudbury Spartans in a 2006 game. The Spartans were forced to take a year off due to low registrations and rising costs. The team has successfully hosted a number of fundraisers and look forward to their return in 2008.

Intramural Pickleball

MICHELLE HOWE

Laurentian is introducing a new Intramural Sport called Pickleball. It is a growing sport within Canada and the United States, and is being incorporated into the physical education system within primary, secondary, and post-secondary settings.

Pickleball is played on a badminton court, with the net slightly lowered. Paddles, which are similar to those of a ping pong paddle but larger, are used to hit small plastic balls (waffle balls) over the net to the opponents. Pickleball can be played one on one, or two on two, however Laurentian Intramurals are introducing the sport as a two on two activity.

This is an excellent sport for the University Intramural Program because it is a sport that is easy to learn, anybody can play, and it is a lot of fun! Pickleball will be played as a co-ed sport, so it is a good way to meet new people of either gender, and any year of university.

Pickleball is for people of any athletic ability, and you do not have to be a specialist to play. Almost everybody will be starting at the beginner level, so there will be training coaches available during play to help out.

Pickleball will be played Monday and Wednesday evenings from 9pm till midnight between October 29 and November 21 in the Ben Avery Gymnasium. Watch for registration details in an article to follow. If you have any questions, visit the Active Living office at B226 in the Ben Avery Building. Hope to see you there!





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will be having a meeting on
Friday, October 12th

at Laurentian University's Doran Planetarium, located in the Fraser Building

7:30PM to 9:30PM

This is open to the public and accepting memberships.

Go to the website
www.sudburyastronomyclub.com
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"General Dogsbody" :) - Timely Advice

When it comes to the 14 week university semester, time is definitely not on your side. Effective time management can make the difference between running around like a chicken with your head cut off and running around with your head on straight.

There are four things you need to know in order to manage your time:

1. Why are you here?
2. Weekly or master schedule
3. Semester schedule
4. Daily to-do list.

WHY?

Viktor Frankl, an existential psychotherapist, said, "Those who have a 'why' to live, can bear with almost any 'how.'" Put into the student framework, if you know why you are here and what you plan to do after university, you'll have your motivation and focus - the rest is just filling in the blanks.

At the umbrella of Student Services in office L-210 (second floor of the R. D. Parker Building), finding out your academic and vocational "why" can be made a lot easier. You can have career and personality testing – the Strong Interest Inventory and the Myers Briggs Type Indicator. Call #6506 to book a group or individual session.

The Placement Centre is having Career Day 07 on Thursday, October 11, 2007. It happens in the Great Hall & Bowling Alley from 10 a.m. - 3 p.m. If you don't know what your options are – on graduating or at any other time – you don't have any. Call #6598 for more info and write this down in your agenda.

WEEKLY

The Master Schedule has saved the neck of many a disorganized student. All it is, is a table with the days of the week across the top and the hours of the day – from 6 am to midnight – down the side. For an example s e e www.dartmouth.edu/~acskills/success/time.html

First you block in all your class times and the hours you are going to study for those classes. Next you block in the things you need to do to stay alive – meals, sleep, exercise, health appointments, work, and commuting. Thirdly – the things that keep you human – like getting groceries and doing laundry, volunteering and religious observances. Finally, you need to book time off for hanging out with friends, doing something with the sweetheart, visiting the folks, and just good old fashion vegging out.

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How democratic are the Democrats?

BEN ISTIPHAN

Although plenty of attention has been directed towards the upcoming provincial election, Ontarians, or Canadians in that fact, should not ignore the current events south of the border. The race for the White House was in full gear this summer, as Democrats and Republicans prepare for next years presidential election. The American peoples overwhelming dissent towards the current administration could possibly lead to a Democratic victory next fall.

The Democrats currently control both Congress and the Senate, but will their control over the executive branch inevitably lead to new progressive social policies that will steer the American working class into a more prosperous direction? This question can only be properly answered once the Democratic delegates come to a decision on who they decide to elect as their representative. As expected, Hillary Clinton is currently leading the polls, but Senator Barack Obama and former Vice Presidential candidate John Edwards are attempting to make up ground. It is definitely safe to assume that one of three candidates mentioned above will win the democratic leadership.

So what separates the three from the other nominees? Let's just say there are no pennies in their piggy banks. Unlike most of her opponents, Clinton has received unprecedented campaign contributions from the corporate elite, in exchange for guaranteeing a platform that does little to obstruct the status quo. Soon after her husband captured the White House, Clinton embarked on a campaign to introduce a single payer, not-for-profit universal healthcare program. Unfortunately, the plan failed, but at least her effort at the time brought about optimism among the American people regarding Clinton's future in politics. Currently, Clinton is unwilling to endorse her earlier policies; even at a time when health care is the top priority for approximately 45 million Americans who have no health insurance. But how can you blame her when she has plenty more to lose now that she's making a bid for the White House? Maybe Clinton's experience over the last few years has made her realize that it would be naïve at the present moment to promote anti-democratic socialist programs, such as universal healthcare at such a critical time in her career.

Let's not forget about Edwards, who made a passionate speech during the CNN's YouTube debate as he condemned the actions of the private health insurance companies. However, Edwards, as well as Clinton, only support a bogus version of universal healthcare that continues to allow the insurance companies to maintain their control over the health of millions.

Despite all my pessimism, I recently discovered at least one candidate who speaks genuinely, and who I believe demonstrates strong leadership qualities without buying into special interest. His name is Dennis Kucinich, Congressman from Ohio and former mayor of Cleveland, who is campaigning for the second time around for the Democratic leadership. Kucinich was among a small handful in Washington to argue against the war in Iraq before the invasion, as opposed to Clinton and Edwards who endorsed this unjust war that has become an ultimate failure. Kucinich also contributed in drafted bill HR-676, which declares healthcare as a basic fundamental right for all, and transfers power from the private insurance companies to the public. He has also vowed to withdraw from NAFTA and the WTO, while re-establishing traditional bilateral trade agreements in order to protect American jobs and promote progressive labour standards. More importantly, if elected, Kucinich has announced he will establish a department of peace, in hopes that war will no longer be the instrument of foreign policy.

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Unfortunately, Kucinich is a long shot, not because of his current policies or previous decisions; rather he is viewed as a threat to the status quo by the corporate elite. Practically every other commercial on CNN is dominated by insurance companies who attempt to lure hard working Americans with their cynical slogans. If CNN or any other major media outlet decides to pay more attention to the Kucinich campaign, the insurance companies could certainly take their business somewhere else. Thus, it is no surprise to see Kucinich constantly neglected for the more prominent candidates during the recent televised debates. I also noticed a trend during these debates and discovered that Kucinich always occupied the podium located furthest from the centre podiums, which were occupied by Clinton and Obama. Like any sporting event, one can only guarantee the best seat in the house if the price is right, but unfortunately Kucinich has no choice but to settle for the nose bleed section.

I am sure that we Canadians are willing to express strong empathy towards Kucinich's grassroots platform, primarily because our political culture has historically been characterized with a stronger sense of collectively than the United States. Our politicians are not prefect, and that is why sometimes we need a dose of American politics to remind us that we are better off as Canadians. Instead of searching for the messiah that will lead them to the promise land, Americans can start by recognizing how our political evolution has lead to stronger egalitarian policies. If United States do eventually adopt universal healthcare, we Canadians are obliged to once again outdo our neighbours by striving for more progressive public policies that will once again separate us from them.



Town Hall Meeting on Electoral Reform

Be informed about your choices

Thursday, September 27, 2007
7:00pm - 10:00pm
West Residence
Room 132

In the upcoming provincial election, you will be asked whether Ontario should change its current FIRST-PAST-THE-POST voting system to the proposed MIXED MEMBER PROPORTIONAL (MMP).

Mark Greenan from Fair Vote Ontario will be coming to LU to talk about MMP and its implications to Northern Ontario and to answer any questions about this proposed system.

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Jusqu'au 30 avril 2008
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Secrétaire de bureau

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Something to Enjoy... In Sudbury

T.H. MCDONALD

As we make our way off-campus in afternoon it's quite a pain. Whether you're heading to your place off-campus after the last class of the day or heading out from residence for some needed supplies, it's practically a day's journey. On your person you best have rations, a compass, and proper identification in case you cross a border.

Serious though, going to the parking lot or returning from class often involves a brief wilderness experience followed by a lengthy travel. Just as I am sure many of you have done, I have cursed Laurentian's campus on many varied occasions, not to mention Sudbury in general.

Of course for those ADVLers and other aficionados of the outdoors there is little cursing, you're in your element. For others like myself we often wish Sudbury, Laurentian moreover, could be something more…something more urban.

The night life is questionable at best, there always seems to be something missing on the menu that is the city's restaurants, and entertainment must often be found at the bottom of a bottle. Sure there is some good theatre, but you get one or two shows a month. Sure there are some quaint bars and restaurants but there are only so many times you can go to the Laughing Buddha or the Ten. Not to mention, as much as I love the Pub, it gets old real fast.

Now, this sounds like a totally terrible rant denouncing all that is Laurentian and/or Sudbury, but that's not exactly it. I came to accept that I signed on for four years some time ago and made peace with it. Besides the people and friendships I've made here I wouldn't trade for the world.

And you know something else, I wouldn't trade this wilderness campus for anything either. Perhaps it is time for some of you, like me, who are counting down the time until your next degree or first employment takes you at least three hundred kilometres from this place, to find and enjoy some of the good things here.

I hope that you're reading this on a lovely autumn day and you look around to see all the beauty there is here. How often do we wish to be at the cottage during the summer? Of course Laurentian is no cottage but it is closer in comparison than any other university.

Do not think I am over looking the snow. I hate it more than the next person, other than the hockey part. Consider though the fall. We are usually lucky enough to have a few extended summer weeks with endless possibilities. I am not saying get dreads and try to canoe all the way to Huron, rather enjoy it for a day or two.

Rent a canoe at the Ben Avery, go for a hike into the wilderness that surrounds campus, take a picnic with friends in a secluded area, have a campfire, find someone with fishing gear and attempt a cast. You might just find something you really don't mind about Sudbury. Let's be honest, we have all winter to get buckled.

I am probably one of the first to complain about the Sudbury bar scene but I guarantee there are U of T students complaining about their lack of wilderness. It might not be much of a trade off in some of your eyes, but take it in. It's all we have.

Who knows, maybe the next time you have to walk up from the Pit or hurry over to the Ben Avery in the deep snow, freezing your ass off, you'll resent the place a little less. Perhaps you might go as far as to ponder what winter outdoor activities Sudbury offers. If so, see you on the ponds.

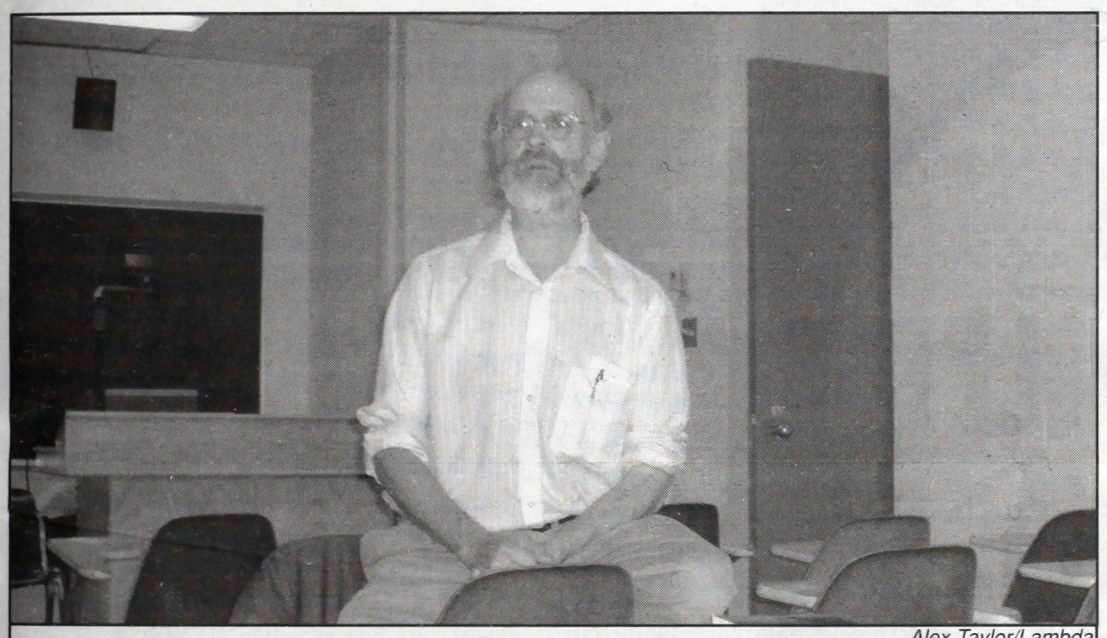
Whatever you decide, make sure to meet some of the great new people around campus this fall because that is another resource Laurentian is rich in. And do not be shy to take some of your new and old friends out for an adventure, in Laurentian's great outdoors.

New support group for creative people.

A.R.T.S Anonymous

(Artists Recovering Through the Twelve Steps)

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670-2411 or
www.artsanonymous.org



Alex Taylor/Lambda

Mike Nickerson, author of *Life, Money & Illusion*, discusses his book with students last week. Nickerson began writing the book over a decade ago, and he explores ideas of economic and environmental sustainability and the impacts they will have on current and future generations.

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with Ron Jeremy and feminist Susan Cole

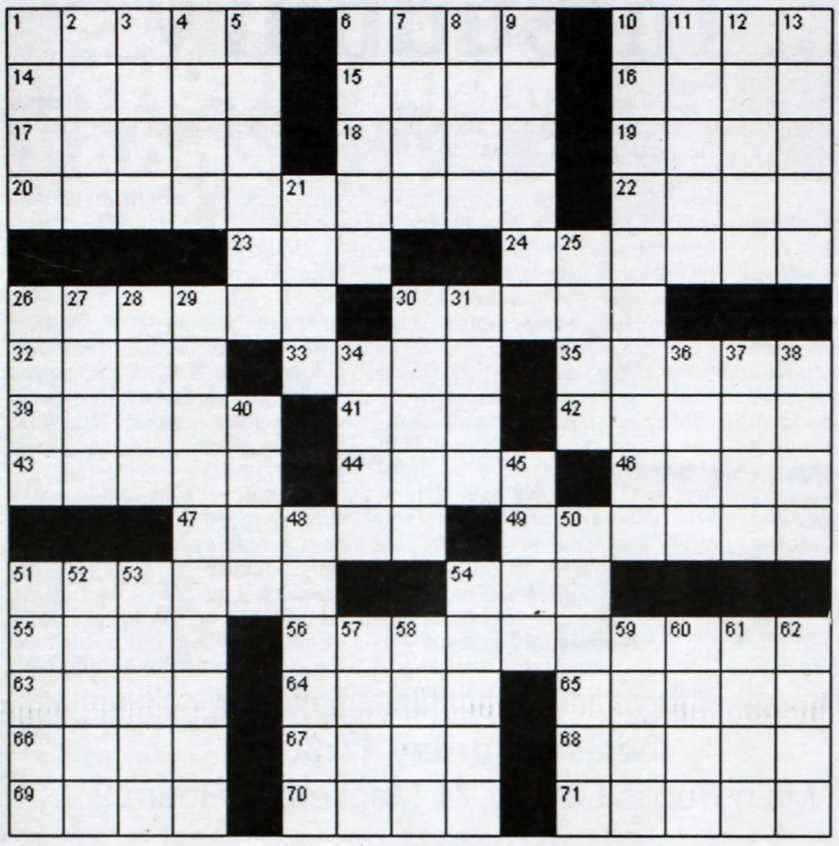
on Friday September 28th in the Fraser Auditorium.

Doors open at 7:30pm, show is at 8:00pm.

Ron Jeremy has been on The View, Nightline, and has starred in over 1800 XXX films in his 27 year career. Ron holds two Bachelors degrees in Theatre and Education as well as a Masters in Special Education. Susan Cole is an author, a playwright, and the senior entertainment and books editor at NOW Magazine. Ms Cole has been very active in the anti-pornography movement, and has written countless essays and articles in the area of violence against women.

Tickets are available at the SGA office-SGA members are 15$, and non-SGA members are 20$. For more information please contact Tannys at 675-1151 ext 1064 or tlaughren@laurentian.ca

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1. Not tight
6. Long hook
10. Slashes
14. Brother of Moses
15. Tree sloth
16. Death notice
17. A grain
18. Render senseless
19. Memo
20. Doubting
22. Story
23. 17th letter of the Greek alphabet
24. Combined
26. Awaken
30. Stonecutter
32. Information board
33. Raised mark on the skin
35. An old gold coin
39. Spring month
41. Not amateur
42. Alcoholic
43. Vex
44. Freezes
46. Murres
47. Father of Methuselah
49. Relating to snailmail
51. Whiskers
54. Baccalaureate (abbrev.)
55. Scientific workplaces
56. Complainants
63. Pocketbook
64. Wholly absorbed
65. Magistrate
66. Where birds live
67. A Great Lake
68. Sounds
69. Squirrel's nest
70. 365 days
71. Sleighs

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1. Regulations
2. Hawaiian island
3. Mineral-bearing rocks
4. Used for bathing
5. Goes in
6. Zest
7. Against
8. An ancient Roman deity
9. Spore plant
10. Ceaseless
11. Submarine
12. What a book is called
13. Horse
21. Masticate
25. Gestures of assent
26. As Soon As Possible
27. When fruit is ready to eat
28. Monster
29. College
30. An early spring month
31. Found in some skin lotions
34. Heroic
36. Terse
37. Largest continent
38. Blue-green
40. Give temporarily
45. Extent
48. Fish hawk
50. Groups of 8
51. Mix
52. One who dines
53. Misuse
54. One who chomps
57. Roman household god
58. Capital of Western Samoa
59. Object of worship
60. Monetary penalty
61. Left in a hurry
62. Dried hemp leaves

LU Karate Club invites new members

Welcome to the **Laurentian Karate Club** where we study Goju Ryu Karate-do.

Karate is typically divided into two major categories: kata (forms) and kumite (sparring). Goju kata are very distinctive, often containing fast and slow elements of go (hard) and ju (soft). Many of the kumite techniques are designed for close infighting with many circular strikes and blocks. In general one counters go with ju and ju with go.

Members of the Club are students, faculty, staff, and friends of Laurentian University. Through our affiliation with the Department of Active Living, members of the general public are also welcome. The Laurentian Karate Club accepts members 16 and over.



The Laurentian Karate Club was a member of International Karate-do Goju-kai Association (IKGA) Canada from 1994-2005 but resigned in 2005 in the best interest of its students.

In 2006 the Laurentian Karate Club joined Seiwa Kai Canada, the JKF Goju-kai and are proud members of Karate Ontario and the National Karate Association of Canada.

